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SUBJECT: APARTHEID COMMITTEE: STATEMENT ON PARTICIPATION
IN SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN

1. IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF APARTHEID
COMMITTEE, MDME. JEANNE MARTIN CISSE, DATED MARCH 23, 1976,
ON "PARTICIPATION IN SO-CALLED SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIP," YOU SHOULD INFORM APARTHEID COMMITTEE THAT
USG HAS LOOKED INTO POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN
SPORTSMEN IN SUCH A CHAMPIONSHIP. WE PRESUME THAT MDME.
CISSE'S LETTER REFERS TO SOUTH AFRICAN TRACK AND FIELD
CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN BLOEMFONTEIN ON APRIL 2 AND 3. THE U.S
AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION HAS INFORMED US THAT BECAUSE OF
SOUTH AFRICA 'S POLICY OF APARTHEID IT DID NOT ISSUE PERMITS
FOR ANY U.S. ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TRACK MEET.
THERE WERE, THEREFORE, NO AAU SPONSORED ATHLETES COMPETING
IN THIS CHAMPIONSHIP. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, THE AAU WILL
NOT SPONSOR PARTICIPATION OF U.S. ATHLETES COMPETING IN THE
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NINE MAJOR OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELDS IN SPORTING EVENTS HELD IN

SOUTH AFRICA, AS LONG AS SOUTH AFRICA MAINTAINS ITS
APARTHEID POLICY.

2. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH MR. OLLAN
CASSELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AAU. KISSINGER

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